

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting on line 24 of page 5 of the Application with the following paragraph:

The floor covering 1 shown in the figure has an upper layer 5 having a decorative surface with surface particulates to improve slip resistance 10, a scrim layer 25, and a lower layer 15 having a surface which is provided with studs or profiles ~~15~~ 20. In use, the floor covering is placed on a floor such that the lower surface of the floor covering 1 engages an upper surface of the floor. The studs or profiles ~~15~~ 20 allow the movement of air between the lower surface 10 of the floor covering and the upper surface of the floor. This allows ventilation of the floor which is important if the floor is of concrete which has not cured completely.